Broad Gauge line from Guwahati +o Dibrugarh via Nagaon, Jorhat and Sibsagar and alternatively for gauge conversion for existing M.G. line via Lumding—Dimapur have been carried out. Survey Reports have been forwarded to Planning Commission for their consideration.

New Delhi—Guwahati IA Flight

1995. SHRIMATT BTJOy CHAKRA-VARTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for delay and frequent break-down of the Indian Airlineg flights between New Delhi and Guwahati causing inconvenience and hardship to passengers;

(b) what are +he reasons for not supplying reading materials especially the newsnar)er$_s$ in all the flights between New Delhi and Guwahati; and

(c) whether ther$_e$ are any proposals under Government's consideration regarding the improvement of quality of food provided *o the passengers in this flight spanning over three hours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVTL AVIA TION AND THTT) nVINT^TER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDTSH TYTLER); *(a)* Th° nn-time rjfrfor-mance of Indian AirHnes' fl'gh+$_s$ between Delhi—Guwahati—Delhi during the neriod April—.Tune. 1987 was 83.79 Per cent. The delays were largely due to reasons beyond the control *of* Indian Airl'nes viz. inclement weather conditions and consequential delays etc.

(b) All efforts ar$_e$ rnade by Indian Airlines to ensure that inflight magazine "SwiMWf as w»ll as newsnan°rs are available nn all th° flights operating between New Delhi and Guwahati.

(c) Indian Airlines ha« seven different mennes standardized on +h° en'ire Indian Airlines networfc for each day of the week, in respect of breakfast, lunch and dinner. Effort is continuously being mad$_e$ to improve quality of food provided to the passengers on this sector.

Financial Assistance to Tribal Artistes

1996. KUMARi SUSHILA TIBIA: Will the Minist°r of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Schema under which Government provide financial assistance to tribal artistes in the field of dance, drama and o'her cultural programmes; and

(b) what is the amount of such assistance given to Orissa for i*s tribal folks during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATT KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Under the Seventh Five Year Plan, a Scheme for promo'ion and dissemination of Tribal and Folk Art and Cu!" turs has been formulated. It envi. sages financial assistance to voluntary organisation institutions and in-dividuals both tribals and non-'riba's for the preservation of tribal ^rt aid crafts. This Scheme is now in th-> initial stages of implementation.

(■b) Does not arise.

C.G.H.S. Dispensaries in Orissa

1997. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRH: Will the Minis'er of HEALTH AND FAJ1TLY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States and th» Union Territories, where C G.H.S. dispensaries are in operation;

(b) the number of disnenssr'-* State-wise; and 'h$_e$ number of dispn

saries likely to be opened in 19*87-88 in each State; and

(c) the districts and the locations proposed for opening C.G.H.S. dispen saries in Orissa in 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b)

State/Union Territories	No. of dispensaries in operation	No. of dispensaries likely to be opened in 1987-88
Delhi	80	7
Maharashtra	43	1
Uttar Pradesh	26	2
West Bengal	17	3
Karnataka	9	1
Tamil Nadu	13	1
Andhra Pradesh	11	3
Bihar	5	1
Rajasthan	4	...
Gujarat	3	...
Madhya Pradesh	...	3
Orissa	...	1
Punjab	...	3

(c) O'fte C.G.H.S, allopathic dispen-sary has been sanctioned for the staff of AG's Office in Bhubaneshwar.

Road Accidents on National Highways

1998. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA;

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the fatal road accident occurred on the National Highways;

(b) whether Government have found out any measures to avoid accidents on National Highways; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRi RAJESH PILOT): (a) The detail^ of road accid^n^ arid